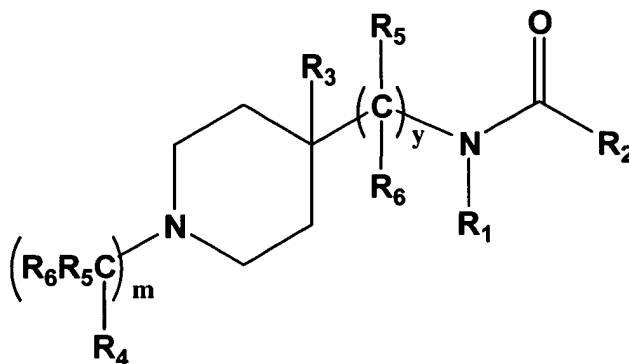


In the Claims

1. **(currently amended)** A formulation, comprising: an excipient selected from the group consisting of cyclodextrins, micelle forming agents, and polymeric carriers; and a compound represented by A:



A

wherein

m is 0, 1, 2, 3 or 4;

y is 0;

R_1 represents aryl or heteroaryl;

R_2 represents H, alkyl, or cycloalkyl;

R_3 represents H, alkyl, aryl, heteroaryl, or CH_2OR_2 , ~~or~~ CO_2R_2 ;

R_4 represents aryl;

R_5 represents independently for each occurrence H, alkyl, or cycloalkyl;

R_6 represents independently for each occurrence H, alkyl, or cycloalkyl;

any two geminal or vicinal instances of R_5 and R_6 may be connected through a covalent bond; and

the stereochemical configuration at any stereocenter of a compound represented by A is *R*, *S*, or a mixture of these configurations.

2. **(original)** The formulation of claim 1, wherein the excipient is a cyclodextrin.

3. **(original)** The formulation of claim 1, wherein m is 2 or 3.
4. **(original)** The formulation of claim 1, wherein m is 2.
5. **(canceled)**
6. **(canceled)**
7. **(original)** The formulation of claim 1, wherein R₁ represents aryl.
8. **(original)** The formulation of claim 1, wherein R₂ represents independently for each occurrence alkyl.
9. **(currently amended)** The formulation of claim 1, wherein R₃ represents ~~H~~ or alkyl.
10. **(canceled)**
11. **(canceled)**
12. **(original)** The formulation of claim 1, wherein R₄ represents aryl.
13. **(original)** The formulation of claim 1, wherein R₅ represents independently for each occurrence H, or alkyl.
14. **(original)** The formulation of claim 1, wherein R₅ represents independently for each occurrence H.
15. **(original)** The formulation of claim 1, wherein R₆ represents independently for each occurrence H, or alkyl.
16. **(original)** The formulation of claim 1, wherein R₆ represents independently for each occurrence H.
17. **(canceled)**
18. **(previously presented)** The formulation of claim 1, wherein m is 2 and R₁ represents aryl.
19. **(canceled)**
20. **(previously presented)** The formulation of claim 1, wherein m is 2; R₁ represents aryl; and R₂ represents independently for each occurrence alkyl.
21. **(canceled)**

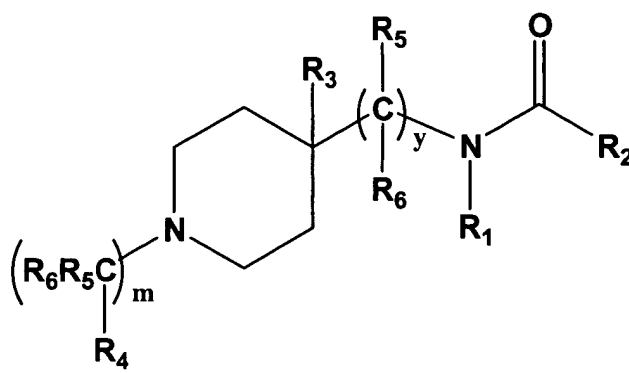
22. (canceled)

23. (currently amended) The formulation of claim 1, wherein m is 2; R₁ represents aryl; R₂ represents independently for each occurrence alkyl; ~~R₃ represents H;~~ and R₅ represents independently for each occurrence H.

24. (currently amended) The formulation of claim 1, wherein m is 2; R₁ represents aryl; R₂ represents independently for each occurrence alkyl; ~~R₃ represents H;~~ R₅ represents independently for each occurrence H; and R₆ represents independently for each occurrence H.

25. (currently amended) The formulation of claim 1, wherein m is 2; R₁ represents phenyl; R₂ represents independently for each occurrence ethyl; ~~R₃ represents H;~~ R₄ represents phenyl; R₅ represents independently for each occurrence H; and R₆ represents independently for each occurrence H.

26. (currently amended) A method of treating pain, drug addiction, or tinnitus in a mammal, comprising the step of orally administering to a mammal in need thereof an effective amount of a formulation of ~~claim 1~~ comprising an excipient selected from the group consisting of cyclodextrins, micelle forming agents, and polymeric carriers; and a compound represented by A:



A

wherein

m is 0, 1, 2, 3 or 4;

y is 0;

R₁ represents aryl or heteroaryl;

R₂ represents H, alkyl, or cycloalkyl;

R₃ represents H, alkyl, aryl, heteroaryl, CH₂OR₂, or CO₂R₂;

R₄ represents aryl;

R₅ represents independently for each occurrence H, alkyl, or cycloalkyl;

R₆ represents independently for each occurrence H, alkyl, or cycloalkyl;

any two geminal or vicinal instances of R₅ and R₆ may be connected through a covalent bond; and

the stereochemical configuration at any stereocenter of a compound represented by A is R, S, or a mixture of these configurations.

27. **(original)** The method of claim 26, wherein said mammal is a primate, equine, canine or feline.

28. **(original)** The method claim 26, wherein said mammal is a human.

29. **(canceled)**